

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, at line 10 and ending on page 5 at line 12 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The objects and advantages of the present invention will be better understood from the following description, with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a block diagram illustrating principal components of a digital still camera provided with an image processor of the first embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 schematically illustrates each stage of the signal altering process which is carried out in the image signal processor;

Fig. 3 schematically illustrates the flow of the image altering process together with values of the luminance level that changes in the process;

Fig. 4 is a graph showing the input-output properties of the gradation conversion;

Fig. 5 Figs. 5A and 5B illustrate[[s]] the luminance components of the original color image and the illustrational image by comparison between the thin-line mode and the thick-line mode;

Fig. 6 is a flowchart of the main routine of the image-processing program carried out in the control circuit;

Fig. 7 is a flowchart of the image altering process subroutine for the illustration mode in Fig. 6.;

Fig. 8 illustrates the second embodiment of the present invention; and

Fig. 9 illustrates the third embodiment of the present invention.